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May 23, 2013

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim Senate President State Senate State Capitol Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Joseph Souki Speaker of the House State House of Representatives State Capitol Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re:

Chapter 487N, Hawaii Revised Statues - Report of Security Breach

of Personal Information

Dear Senate President Kim and Speaker Souki.

Pursuant to Chapter 487N of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), the Department of Taxation (DOTAX) is notifying you that a security breach occurred on or about December 19, 2012.

On or about December 19, 2012, a burglary occurred at DOTAX's Maui District Tax Office (District Office). Along with taxpayer documents and tax returns, cash and checks were stolen. These documents and payments covered remittances to the District Office on December 14, 17, and 18, 2012.

Upon the discovery of the burglary, the Maui County Police Department (MPD) was immediately contacted and an investigation was started. The Department continues to cooperate with the MPD in its investigation, although no arrests have been made yet.

All taxpayers whose documents or payments had been affected were identified and notified by letter of the burglary. A copy of the notification letter sent to the affected taxpayers is attached.

To prevent this incident from recurring in the future, DOTAX has reviewed the security procedures and requirements for all of its District Offices, including procedures related to the safeguarding of all payments. The Department has also revisited the procedures and requirements of its alarm system contract.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 587-1540.

Sincerely,

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**Director of Taxation** 

**Enclosure**